



**Summer
2005**

Calendar of Events

13th Festival of India & Parade Aug. 13-14, 2005

Indian Festival with dances, parade, food, fashion show, and much more. (510) 818-1715
indiaparade@pacbell.net

Hot August Niles Car Show

Aug. 20, 2005 - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
www.niles.org

41st Annual Niles Antique Faire and Flea Market

Aug. 28, 2005 – 6:00 am–4:00 pm
Antiques, collectibles, arts, crafts, food and more. www.niles.org

Citizen Corps Town Hall Meeting

Sept. 27, 2005 – 7 – 9:00 pm
2500 Mowry Ave.
Conrad Anderson Conference
Rooms at Washington Hospital
West. Contact Fire Division Chief
Vic Valdes at 510-494-4295

Make a Difference Day

Oct. 22, 2005

Make a Difference Day is a national day of volunteering.
www.makeadifferenceday.com



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Neighbor to Neighbor

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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POINTS OF LIGHT

Mark your calendars now for Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 22, 2005! Last year,

Fremont was one of the most active cities in the United States on this national day of volunteering, with more than 40 registered projects in Fremont and about 1300 volunteers.

In 2005, the City's Human Relations Commission will again sponsor the event as a way to bring people of all backgrounds together to make a difference in the community. Their goal is to make this year's event the biggest and most successful Make a Difference Day yet.

How can you get involved?

Organize a project to benefit a non-profit organization, a frail older person, or a local school. Or lend a hand to an existing project. Last year, some of the ways people made a difference included:

- Improvements and repairs at local schools
- Tree planting and trail improvements in City parks
- Yard work for frail seniors
- Collections of food, winter coats, and toys for those who need them

To participate in Make a Difference Day as either a volunteer or to register a project, go to
www.makeadifferenceday.com.

The website also has tools to help you come up with project ideas. Note that as of this writing, the website is still listing last year's projects for Fremont — new projects will be posted soon! Contact Dan Schoenholz of the City's Human Services Department at (510) 574-2048 or via e-mail at dschoenholz@ci.fremont.ca.us with any questions.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2005



**We were
cookin' on
National
Night Out!**

That was our theme and that's what we did. This year's National Night Out was a huge success. Residents in the city had a great time getting to know each other and some of our City of Fremont staff.



National Night Out was Tuesday, August 2nd. We logged 139 staff and volunteers visiting 121 parties. National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity, and raise crime prevention awareness by helping neighbors get to know

one another; it's the nation's block party night!

Fremont residents host a block party, barbecue, ice cream social or another activity held outside and involving neighbors. National Night Out events can be held anywhere, including single-family neighborhoods, townhouse complexes, in apartment buildings, or nearby parks

Block Parties are great ideas at anytime. If you would like tips on hosting your own block party check out the Block Party Guide tip sheet available from the Fremont Police Department Crime Watch Unit or online at www.ci.fremont.ca.us/Community/CommunityInvolvement. The guide provides practical tips for helping to organize a successful event. To receive a free hard copy, call 790-6740.



National Night Out is an enjoyable and productive way for people to meet each other and have fun. Consider hosting your own event in 2006! National Night Out is always celebrated on the 1st Tuesday in August.



CHILD SAFETY



Parents, Do your children know about strangers? Do they know how to protect themselves from kidnapping and other crimes? Children need guidance on

making safe choices and decisions. Take a minute to go over the following safety tips with your children. They could prevent your child from becoming a victim of crime. It is important that you give them examples that they will understand. Role-play in your home, neighborhood, and your child's school. Pose "What if?" scenarios and safely guide your children through the scenario. Make sure that your children understand that their safety is important to you, and use the following points to encourage discussion.

WHO IS A STRANGER?

A stranger is someone that your child does not know. Children often conjure up the image of a "scary monster" when parents mention the word "stranger." Explain that a stranger may look, act and dress nicely, or even wear a uniform.

A child may be in a situation that requires interaction with a stranger, and this may be confusing. For example, if a child gets lost in a grocery store, the child should immediately go to the checkout counter or security office even though that may mean talking to a stranger. Instruct your child not to wander around looking for you. The child should seek help from someone who works in the store.

TELL YOUR CHILD TO FOLLOW THESE RULES ABOUT STRANGERS

- Stay away from a stranger who asks for assistance. Strangers should never ask children for directions or for help with something they can do themselves, such as finding a lost puppy or kitten.
- Never take anything like candy, ice cream or money from a stranger.
- Never take a ride from a stranger, even if the stranger says your mother needs you or uses some other excuse.
- If a stranger asks for directions, stay away. Strangers shouldn't ask kids for help.
- Never give your name or address to a stranger.
- If a stranger in a car bothers you, turn and run in the opposite direction.
- If a stranger tries to follow you on foot or tries to grab you, RUN AWAY, SCREAM and TELL your parents or a trusted adult friend. A dangerous stranger doesn't want to be the center of attention.
- Check with parents or a trusted adult before accepting a ride even from someone you know.

SAFETY AT HOME

Instruct your child on how to safely answer the door:

- Never open the door to a stranger.
- If a stranger knocks on the door or rings the doorbell, tell your child to look out the peep hole or call out "who's there?" If it's for you, your child should tell the visitor to wait, and leave the door locked until you are available. If you are not home, your child should tell the visitor that you are busy and to please come back later.

Your child can take a message, but he or she should NEVER open the door.

- If the visitor won't go away, and your child is scared, tell him/her to call 9-1-1.
- Never leave the yard or a play area without permission from a parent or the adult in charge.

How to answer the telephone:

- When answering the telephone, your child should not give out any information. If the caller asks "who's this?" Instruct your child to ask who the caller is and whom he or she called.
- If your child is alone, he or she should never tell anyone that he or she is alone. Instruct your child to tell the caller the person can't come to the telephone and that he or she will write down a message.
- If your child feels uncomfortable or gets scared by anything the caller says, tell him/her to hang up and make sure he or she tells you immediately about any and all telephone calls.
- If you have an answering machine, let it answer the telephone if your child is home alone.

BE STREET SMART

Explain to your child how to safely walk to and from school:

- Always walk with a friend - there is safety in numbers. Strangers usually target kids that are by themselves.
- If you think that you are in danger, or if you are being followed, yell and run into the nearest store, house or back to school. Tell an adult what happened.
- Have your mom or dad or both of them walk your school route with you to make sure that it is completely safe.

- Always stick to the same, safe route going to and from school. Don't take shortcuts and never hitchhike.

WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

Explain to your child that if someone is hurt or very sick, there is a car accident or a fire, call 9-1-1 as soon as possible. Your child needs to know that if he or she gets lost, go to a pay phone and dial 9-1-1 to get help. This is a free call from a pay phone.

For additional resources contact:

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
www.missingkids.com

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
www.fbi.gov/kids/crimepre/abduct/abdrules.htm

For further information on this program and other crime prevention material, write to: Crime and Violence Prevention Center
California Attorney General's Office
P.O. Box 944255
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550
www.safestate.org
This publication can be downloaded from www.safestate.org

4TH OF JULY 2005

This Year's 4th of July Parade Theme, "Stars and Stripes Forever" was evident in the Mission San Jose district, where the parade was held this year. Local businesses were decorated with flags and red, white and blue banners and ribbons could be seen on Mission Blvd and the streets along the parade route.



Around 15,000 people attended the parade and a record-breaking number of 80 entries topped the previous parade entries. Some of the special entries included, the Phantom Regiment Drum & Bugle Corps from Rockford, IL and Santa Clara Vanguard Drum & Bugle Corps who received the People's Choice Award and was named the best drum and bugle corps, Other winners included: American High School's marching band, who took first place in the marching band category. Pirates of Emerson were named the best noncommercial float and Ace Cabinet Shop took first place in the commercial float category. K&K Twirlers won for top drill and dance, Citizens for a Better Community won two awards, for novelty and patriotic spirit. The Saddle Rack won for most patriotic decorated vehicle and best vehicle categories. In our book, everyone who participated was a winner for helping to make this 4th of July Parade a huge success.

Hats off to the Mission San Jose Parade Organizer for an exceptional job.

Get involved next year when the Irvington District hosts the 2006, 4th of July Parade.



CRIME WATCH UNIT

The City of Fremont is committed to proactive programs and strategies to address the underlying conditions that cause crime, as well as other community issues. The Fremont Police Department recognizes the need for a law enforcement and community partnership by committing agency and personnel resources. To achieve this, the Office of Neighborhoods has been reorganized as a crime prevention unit and prioritized to focus on customer service and satisfaction. The Office of Neighborhoods has been replaced with the "Crime Watch Unit" which will consist of three programs:

1. Neighborhood Watch (Residential): Contact Karen Blount at 510-790-6689
2. Business Watch (Commercial): Contact Tish Marquez at 510-790-6966
3. Personal Safety: Contact 510-790-6740 for further information.

Crime prevention is an integral part of any community policing program and requires a departmental commitment with the sole purpose to safeguard the public. The Crime Watch Unit will provide the following services:

1. Determining and coordinating appropriate resources when necessary.
2. Developing and implementing innovative crime prevention strategies.
3. Conduct informational and educational crime prevention meetings.

If you need any assistance or information from the Crime Watch Unit, please call 510-790-6740.

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL HOSTS TOWN HALL MEETING SEPTEMBER 27th



After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, President Bush launched the USA Freedom Corps initiative to inspire and enable all Americans to find ways to serve their community and their country. The Fremont Citizen Corps Council (CCC), a component of the USA Freedom Corps, has been established to coordinate our activities at the local level. The Fremont CCC will bring together local leaders; citizen volunteers; first responder organizations (fire and police departments, emergency medical personnel, etc.), service, faith- and community-based organizations; educational institutions; medical facilities; business and industry; and other relevant sectors of the community to one table to strengthen local disaster preparedness, response and crime prevention efforts in our community.

The Fremont Citizen Corps Council presents a great opportunity for the City and its public safety volunteer programs to work more closely together with our community. In doing so, we can bring together key stakeholders in a venue that is facilitated by local government in addressing the following issues: disaster preparedness, crime, homeland security issues, providing greater volunteer service opportunities for our community, and soliciting input and support from community organizations and local businesses. The Fremont Citizen Corps Council will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on the evening of **September 27, 2005, 7 PM to 9 PM at the Conrad Anderson Conference**

Rooms at Washington Hospital, 2500 Mowry Avenue. You are invited to attend and learn how you and your affiliates can do your part to make Fremont a safer and more disaster-resistant community. For more information please contact Fire Division Chief Vic Valdes at (510) 494-4295 or vvaldes@ci.fremont.ca.us

TRI-CITY ANIMAL SHELTER

The Tri-City Animal Shelter provides sheltering services for lost, stray and injured domestic and wild animals found in Fremont, Newark and Union City. Approximately 8000 animals arrive each year. The shelter is located at 1950 Stevenson Boulevard, in Fremont's Central Park near Lake Elizabeth and behind the police department. For more information call the Tri-City Animal Shelter at (510) 790-6630, or email AServices@ci.fremont.ca.us

Animal Shelter Hours:
Tuesday -Friday: Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday: Closed
Monday: Closed



To view adoptable pets go to
Petharbor.com